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  Re: Application of Tooru INOUE and Akihiro GOTO
     APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT
     Assignee: MITSUBISHI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA
     Our Ref: Q78181

Dear Sir:

  This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/660,417 (Confirmation No. 2439) filed September 12, 2000 of Tooru INOUE and Akihiro GOTO entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT.

  This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, six (6) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 SB/08 A & B Form, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

  The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1734.

  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

  This is a divisional of Application No. 09/660,417 filed September 12, 2000, which is a

Continuation of PCT/JP98/02042 filed May 8, 1998; the disclosures of which are incorporated

herein by reference.

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      The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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